



Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force

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TO: Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force

FROM: Front Country Trails Task Force Staff

SUBJECT: FCT Management Recommendations - Work Plan Update

RECOMMENDATION: That the FCT Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force receives the quarterly status report on the work plan to implement the FCT Management Recommendations.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this staff report is to provide the FCT Task Force with a progress report on implementation of the FCT Management Recommendations. The following discussion provides a status report on the recruitment of the FCT Coordinator, Trail Signage, and UTAP Trails Survey. An update on trails maintenance activities is covered in a separate staff report.

FCT Coordinator

The job description for the FCT Coordinator is complete, and recruitment will begin in early September. Recruitment and selection will be conducted by all three agencies. It is anticipated that the position will be filled by mid-October. The FCT Coordinator will be hired as an independent contractor to the Forest Service and will work in collaboration with all three agencies. The contractual agreement will be for one year with an option to renew based on performance and funding. The position description outlines key tasks for the first year with a focus on development of a long range strategy and funding plan for the management and maintenance of the FCT system, grant writing for trails projects, development and implementation of community education and outreach programs, and coordination with trail user groups. The Coordinator will work under the direction of the Forest, City, and County staff team for the front country trails.

Trail Signage

Six of the ten trailhead signs are installed. The Forest Service is funding the construction of the remaining four sign frames that are needed. It is anticipated that the remaining four signs will be installed by the end of September.

UTAP

FCT staff is working to complete their UTAP certification and develop a scope of work with Beneficial Designs for the UTAP Survey. The Sierra Club and the Santa Barbara County Trails Council have each pledged \$1,000 toward the survey. The three agencies will cover the remaining costs. The survey work will not be conducted until after the hydro-mulching is complete in October. Staff will continue to work with other UTAP workshop participants to complete the process to become a certified UTAP Coordinator.

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